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THIRTY PENCE

Father Peter Writes

Offering to God is a theme at this time for us at St James. This month's gift day is an obvious example. Our financial situation is not good; any more support we can receive will be greatly appreciated and well used. If our personal financial situation does not allow us to offer more in that particular way surely, we can all offer a little extra time in prayer. In church would be good but of that is not possible, at home instead. We, as a church, need to be praying not only for our financial situation but also for God's guidance for the future. We are at a turning point and have many opportunities opening up to us but we do need the guidance of God as to where He wants us to move onto next.

We had a very helpful and positive meeting about our music recently. Adverts have been placed for someone to lead our music for us but as yet I have had no response. The music meeting felt that people are enjoying the Psalm being said rather than sung and that the Mass setting is going well but they sometimes miss an anthem being sung. There was not the feeling that we can have a choir on a weekly basis at the moment but ought to be able to enjoy a small music group to help lead our worship at important times of the year. There were many positive comments and the future looks good but more prayer is definitely needed here to seek God's guidance.

These two areas, in different ways, speak to us about our relationship with God and our commitment to Him. What are we prepared and able to offer back to God from all that He has given and continues to give us? That question is one that any Christian needs to be constantly revisiting in their journey with Him. Where is God in my life and where does he want me to go with Him?

Please use this question as the basis for our Day of prayer and Giving.

Wishing you every blessing.

Fr Peter Walker

Monday Mass

Monday 3 rd October	7-00pm	St James
Monday 10 th October	NO Monday Mass	
Monday 17 th October	10-00am	Colonia Court
	11-00am	Cranmere Court
Monday 24 th October	8-00pm	The Rectory
Monday 31 st October	7-00pm	St James

Day of Prayer and Giving for the Work of God's Church in Colchester.

The Day of Prayer and Giving will be on Saturday 1st October and will begin with the Mass at 9-00am. If you can come and pray in St James for a time that day, it will be a great benefit to our church and we hope to have the church prayed in all day. Please support this venture if you can. All church members will receive further information about this important day in the life of our church.

Saturday Mass

There will be no Mass on Saturday 8th October

The Holy Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed in St James on Monday 17th October at 7-30pm. All are very welcome to join us for this important time of prayer. If this style of prayer is new to you, do not worry as instruction is given and rosaries are available to borrow or buy if you do not already own one.

House Mass

The October House Mass will be at the Rectory. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this time of worship and fellowship. If you have not been to a House Mass before, why not join us?

Friday Mass

The Friday Mass on Friday 28th October will be held in church rather than in school as it is half term.

The Bereavement Service

The 11th annual ecumenical service of prayer for the bereaved will take place in St James on Saturday 19th November at 11-00am. This is organised in conjunction with the Hunnaball Family Funeral Group. Please come alone and bring anyone else with you if you think they may find it helpful.

Fr. Taemin writes the second article *Lighting a Candle*:

The six themes are; *Making the Sign of the Cross (September 2011)*, *Lighting a Candle*, *Genuflecting and Bowing*, *Burning Incense*, *Anointing with Oil*, and *Asking the Prayers of the Saints*. If you have any other questions about ‘what and why we do’, please do not hesitate to speak to Fr. Taemin or Fr. Peter.

The importance of the image of ‘Light’

Light is one of the most popular and important Biblical images in both the Old and the New Testament; let’s look at the first book of Bible - Genesis. It says ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters (Gen. 1:1-2)’ and it continues ‘And God said “Let there be light”; and there was light (Gen. 1:3).’ As we can see, **the very first action of God was to create light**. What about in the New Testament? Again, ‘light’ is one of the key images. St. John describes Jesus as ‘the Light’, and Jesus himself uses the image of light in many parables to teach His disciple and other people.

In modern liturgy (or in our daily prayer life), we use different types of candles to highlight **specific actions** – one can say that we use candles as ‘auxiliary’ materials, as it were; although, we can pray with our bare hands, if we know how to use rosary, for example, it can enrich our prayer life. As if the simple action of making the Sign of the Cross can give us so much meaning, a burning candle reminds us all our prayers that we offered.

Yet, in our church, there are many different types of candles (as we probably do many different actions) and it has different names and uses! But you don’t need to be overawed, as we will explore them all!

The biggest candle in our church

The biggest candle in our church would be the one, which stands right in front of the font (where priest baptizes people.) We call this big candle a **Paschal Candle**. It is very easy to identify; it is usually very big and well decorated with special ‘pins’, ‘year’ and ‘Alpha and Omega symbols.’ The Paschal Candle usually stays near font; however, from Easter to Pentecost, it stays in the Sanctuary near to the High Alter. This monster candle signifies **the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus** and all Baptism candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.



The first candle we hold

Technically, the first candle we might hold is our **Baptism Candle**. During the Holy Baptism, fellow Christians are welcoming the newly baptized person as a new member of the Church. Baptism is, whether Infant Baptism or Adult Baptism, the beginning of a new life as a son and daughter of God - it is our spiritual birthday. To celebrate such important moment of our life, the priest gives a candle to each person who newly baptized (or to his/her God parents). In modern liturgy, every Baptism Candle is lit from the mother candle – the Paschal Candle. Holding our Baptism Candle signifies that we are no longer in the shadow of death but in the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Candle



The Church is the House of Prayer! As Catholics, we believe that Saints are praying for us and with us to God in heaven (We will come back to this later - *Asking the Prayers of the Saints*). Therefore, we never pray 'alone', even if when we pray 'alone' in our room! In our church, we have three Pricket Stands, one for St. James, one for our Lady Mary and one for the crucifix in the Lady Chapel. When we pray, we light a Prayer Candle and leave it on the Pricket Stand; when we go, leaving the burning candle behind, we are reminded that our soul never leaves the presence of God, in company with His Saints. It seems natural to bring our own private intentions to God, however, our prayer should not be self-centred, it should be God-centred. Also, we know that a burning candle itself (or the action of lighting a candle itself) will not be a substitute for the prayer of our heart. It is an 'auxiliary'!



How many candles do we need?

In St. James the Great, there are three Altars; High Altar, Nave Altar, and another Altar in our Lady Chapel. The Priest used to say Mass in the High Altar (facing the East), however in modern liturgy, the Nave Altar is the one Fr. Peter uses on every Sunday for Mass. During the Mass, this Nave Altar becomes the focal point of our liturgical actions. So, we light candles – **Altar Candle**. Altar candles are usually even numbers; two altar candles as we can see from our Nave altar, sometimes four or six as we can see from our High Altar (A useful rule of thumb is that the more candles, the more important that altar is likely to be) On special occasions, we can put 10 altar candles as a basic setting! Yet, regardless the numbers of the candles on the altar, the most obvious symbolism is that the light of Christ shines upon His gathered people.

It is not a TEA LIGHT!



I am certain that many of us have tea lights in our home; small candles that last usually couple of hours and they are quite useful to create warm feeling – it is rather romantic! Likewise, in our Spiritual Home, we too have special (and coloured) candles. Many churches use these special candles for rather special occasions or places. It has small plastic container and last couple of hours, depending on size. In church, we don't call it tea light; we call it **VOTIVE**. Why?

Because we light this candle not for our dinner but for the special prayers! Usually, there are three colours are used for votives (blue, red and white) and votives are usually lit near statue. Have you noticed that our servers always light blue votive for the statue of our Lady and red one for St. James? That's because, traditionally, blue is the colour of our Lady, and red is the symbol of martyrdom. (If you see a chapel with blue ceiling or walls, it is likely to be a Lady Chapel).

A very special votive



In the Lady Chapel, there is a wall-mounted 'safe' where we keep the **Reserved Sacrament** (consecrated bread; the body of Jesus). We call this safe the **Aumbry** (In old English, it means 'safe'. But, if we put this special safe on the altar, it is called the **Tabernacle**.) We light a long white votive (usually last seven days) for the Aumbry or Tabernacle. So, if you see a Seven Day Votive near the Aumbry or Tabernacle, we genuflect. Because a burning 'Seven Day Votive' it is a sign of

the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. If there is no reserved Sacrament in the Aumbry, we left the door open and don't light a Seven Day Votive; in this case, we don't need to genuflect. It is also a common practice to keep silence where Blessed Sacrament is reserved; and this is why we keep silence in our Lady Chapel.

Make it a habit!

So, I would like to suggest all of you to make this pre-Mass ritual your habit: when you enter church for Mass, **make a Sign of the Cross with Holy Water** first, then **visit one of our statues** - St. James or Our Lady or even the crucifix in the Lady Chapel – and **light a Prayer Candle**. It will help us to rediscover the joy of worshipping God!

If you have further questions, please feel free to speak to me or Fr. Peter at any time.

Fr. Taemin Oh

Saints Days October

Saturday 1st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus (Teresa of Lisieux)
Mass St James 9-00am

Tuesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi

Saturday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus (St Teresa of Avila)
Mass St James 9-00am

Tuesday 18th October St Luke the Evangelist

Friday 28th October Ss Simon & Jude Apostles
Mass St James 9-00am

All Saints Day

Will be celebrated on Tuesday 1st November Mass at 7-00pm.

All Souls Day

The day when we commemorate all the faithful departed falls on Wednesday November 2nd. Mass in St James, where the names of the faithful departed will be remembered, at 7-00pm. If you have any names you would like to have remembered please check the list at the back of St James and add the names if necessary.

Gift Day

**There will be a day of Prayer and Giving
for the work of God's Church**

on

Saturday 1st October.

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Contact Centre

The St James Child Contact Centre meets every other Saturday and supports families that have broken down. It provides a safe environment in which the absent parent can meet with their children. It is run by a group of volunteers from St James and a few more are needed at the present time. If you could help with this, it would mean a commitment of a few hours on Saturday afternoon on a regular basis but not too often, please speak with Fr Peter.

Scrap Precious Metals

Thank you to everyone who has searched out odd pieces of damaged, broken or unwanted precious metals. The first batch I took to sell raised £ 1007, the second, £371-20. I took a third selection on July and £445-00 was raised. This makes a total of £1823-20, which has been added to the Restoration Fund, which will help us to keep our wonderful church building in a good state of repair. Many thanks to everyone who has helped out in this way and if you have not searched your drawers yet, it is not too late; it would be good to reach £2000 with this initiative.

Fr Peter

Jubilee Tea Parties

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen we plan to hold a series of 60 Jubilee Tea Parties throughout her jubilee year. These might be large affairs or very small ones. The small ones might be just two or three of your friends being invited to tea at your home in return for a small donation. The large ones could be much more elaborate. All money raised will go to support church funds. A calendar is now in church soon to add your date to the Jubilee Tea Party list. Can you hold one or perhaps more?

Tree of Light

Preparation is now going on so the Tree of Light can shine as a witness to God incarnate during the Christmas season. Look out for the leaflets in church which will be available during November. Can you think of a friend or neighbour who may wish to sponsor a light in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a significant effect? Sheila and Caroline

A First Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The 2011 St. James Pilgrimage to Walsingham had been planned and eagerly anticipated for 18 months. 6 of us and our leader, Fr. Taemin who stepped in at the last minute, met for lunch and a planning meeting the Sunday before the off, but the pilgrimage proper started with Compline on Thursday – the birthday of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. In true pilgrim style we set off from different parts of Essex and met in Walsingham Friday afternoon in warm sunshine. Those of us leaving from the rectory were sent on our way with a blessing and liberal sprinkling (cars and pilgrims) from Fr. Peter.

We found our allocated rooms, settled in and sat in the garden of the Bull where we were given our programme for the weekend, our pilgrim badges and special diet labels. The programme was a combination of the set shrine programme interlocking with Fr. Taemin's input. After supper we met for Intercessions in the Holy House which were helpfully printed out in full in the programme. Those of us without Shrine manuals got them from reception after parting with £1. The rest of the evening was spent in fellowship in the Bull where there was a list of the parishes the pilgrims came from on a blackboard outside. St. James Colchester headed the list.

Saturday morning found us all at the 7-30 said mass. Similar to our weekday masses but included a sermon and most pilgrims stood throughout. We were all ready for breakfast and did justice to the huge amounts on offer. Morning Prayer followed at 9-30 in the beautiful All Souls Chapel. This octagonal building is separate from the main shrine, has a single row of stalls round the walls which have small stained glass windows under the roof. After Morning Prayer, Fr. Taemin went through the programme for the rest of the day and we were free until lunch.

After coffee in a smart new licensed cafe in the grounds, some of us went to Exposition in the chapel used by the Sisters, where an extremely ancient nun was bent in prayer. It was completely silent and rather soporific and so good to be able to sit and contemplate about life, faith or whatever. Even after a huge breakfast lunch consisted of two hot choices or a well stocked salad bar, pudding or fruit and as much tea, coffee, water or juice as you could squeeze down.

As the afternoon was free we split into a girl/boy divide. The boys walked to the Slipper Chapel which is the Roman shrine about a mile

away. We girls went shopping and between us bought statues, candles, crucifixes of all sizes, cards, advent candles and calendars or books – the range of shops is fairly limited. Oh yes, we found time for a cup of tea too. In spite of getting locked in as they wanted to close, we made it in time for 5pm Shrine Prayers. We didn't go to the main mass that followed as we had been to the early morning one but went to supper early. I wish I had known how draining the rest of the evening was going to be as I would have had a lie-down. At 8-15 we met in the Shrine for an address by Father Stephen. It was long but funny in parts and he is an enthusiastic speaker. He spoke about faith, the role of Mary in our lives and the power of prayer. We were given a candle in a protective cardboard sleeve prior to the procession starting. Clare – as a young person – had been asked to be an acolyte, walking in front of the statue of Our Lady which was held at shoulder height by four men. We started following the statue winding round the grounds singing the hymn that is the story of how the Shrine came into being. We were instructed to hold our candles aloft every time we got to the 'Ave, Ave, Ave Maria' chorus. When we got back to the Shrine we were invited to put our lit candles in the holders so they could continue burning. Then the sacraments of laying on of hands, anointing and confession were available. It was an incredibly moving session and we could make use of any of them in any order.

Sunday found us at the early mass again before breakfast. There was time for a last visit to the shops before the Parish Mass which was in the parish church at the other end of the village. In the afternoon we gathered in the Shrine to prepare for sprinkling, where we drank the holy water, the priest made the sign of the cross on our foreheads and some was poured over our hands. Fr. Stephen explained that in this way God's overflowing love for his people was demonstrated. It was late afternoon by then and we finished the pilgrimage with Benediction and Last Visit prayers before making our way home.

What did I get from the weekend? There was time for prayer, reflection, relaxation, friendship and meeting fellow pilgrims from other parishes. Time out from the rush of day to day existence to really think about what matters, to be able to give thanks for the good things in life and pray for those people who need it. I can recommend it.

Caroline

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Hymn Story

"**Tell Out, my Soul**" is a Christian hymn paraphrasing the Magnificat. It was written by Timothy Dudley-Smith in 1962. In its early days it was paired to a tune by Michael Vaughan and published. Later, it was paired with the existing hymn tune "Woodlands" which had been composed by Walter Greatorex in 1916. This pairing has been a great success and shows the importance and power of the right tune. As General William Booth realised even the best words need the right tune.

The Magnificat was the song that Mary sang, Luke 1:46-55, after the great statement of faith made by her cousin Elizabeth when she and her own unborn child, John the Baptist, recognised that Mary was the bearer of the Son of God. Elizabeth's greeting was, *Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* (Luke 1:42). Mary's song of praise was reminiscent of the song that Hannah sang when God granted her wish of a child of her own in the Old Testament; her child was to be Samuel. See 1 Samuel 1:1 to 2:10 for the full story and 1 Samuel 2:1-10 for Hannah's song. The Magnificat is a powerful piece of literature that sets the scene for Jesus' redeeming life and death. It is not the meek and mild approach that Mary is often associated with but it is powerful and challenging. It speaks of setting the received order of things on its head, feeding the hungry, reducing the proud and exalted and instead bringing power and freedom to those of lowly and insignificant backgrounds.

The Magnificat is always part of the office of evening prayer and over the years has had many wonderful musical settings written for it, including this hymn.

Bishop Dudley-Smith, in a 2006 interview, agrees that the hymn was "a significant starting point" in terms of his hymns being published. He wrote many hymns during his long ministry, a ministry that concluded with him being Bishop of Thetford in the Norwich Diocese.

This hymn is a song of praise and challenge, challenge for us as individuals to respond to God and as the Church.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of His word
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done
His mercy sure, from age to age the same
His holy name-the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Parish Finances

At the June PCC meeting it was reported that our finances are in a difficult position and to help rectify this several ideas have been mooted with regard to fund raising. So in the autumn, please look out for a Quiz Evening, and an Italian Evening. Next year we hope to organise some Tea Parties and a Jubilee Flower festival over the extended Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June 2012, which might also include a Street Party. It was also suggested we might enjoy a Children's Nativity Play at Christmas time.

Offers of help or other suggestions to Fr Peter please.

Churchyard Walls

Colchester Borough Council is in the process of major repairs to the churchyard walls. Nearly two thousand bricks are to be replaced and much re-pointing is going on as well. There is also some renewal of the stonework on the old entrance on East Hill at the east end of the churchyard, which is why it is currently boarded up. When all is finished we should be looking very smart. Colchester Borough Council keep our churchyard in very good order and I am sure we are all very grateful that they undertake this role on our behalf.

Diary Dates for the Year

Saturday 15th October @ 6.30pm

Italian Evening at the home of Jeff & Lucy Mason

Owing to space, regrettably numbers are limited.

There will be a 3 course bistro style supper with wine or soft drink

A donation of £6.00 minimum would be appreciated

Please sign the list at the back of the church.

Wednesday 9th November 8-00pm

Parish Dinner at the Anchor Rowhedge

Saturday 19th November 11-00am

Annual Bereavement Service

Sunday 27th November 10-00am

Advent Sunday Sung Mass

Preacher Fr Darren Smith SSC,

General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society.



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Wednesday Study Group at Benson House

Dear all

I am very happy to invite all of you to the Wednesday Study Group at Benson House. The Wednesday Study Group aims to explore many interesting 'church things' in practical and spiritual perspectives. It will run several themes in the future and each theme will have couple of weekly sessions. And each session begins at 7.30pm at the newly decorated Benson House. (Also, bear in mind that Mass is at 7pm at St. James on every Wednesday!) We will enjoy simple dinner together for half about an hour and begin the session at 8pm roughly for an hour. Themes and session titles for Wednesday Study Group are below for your information;

Fr Taemin

Theme: Mass

Sessions: The Liturgy of the Sacrament (5 Oct)
The Dismissal (12 Oct)

Theme: Daily Prayer

Sessions: History of the Daily Prayer (19 Oct)
The Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship and Divine Office (26 Oct)

Excursion Day – Westminster Abbey Choral Evensong, etc (2 Nov)

Theme: Liturgical Year (Church Calendar)

Sessions: Advent & Christmas
Epiphany & Ordinary Time
Lent
Easter & Ordinary Time

Theme: Catechism (some important and intriguing issues)

Sessions: The Trinity and the Creation
The Creeds
Justification by Faith
Prayer & Confession

Theme: The Seven Sacraments

Sessions: Baptism & Confirmation

Holy Communion & Confession

Marriage, Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick

Theme: Bible Study with Next Week's Gospel

Sessions: TBC

Theme: Prayer Meeting

Sessions: TBC

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Five Scrolls Psalm 106 & 105

Two gauntlets lay on the floor before the priests of Zion temple, both thrown down by groups challenging for religious mastery over the Lord God's chosen people. One was corroded by centuries of rust; the other gleamed with a fresh metallic sheen. Every since the division into two kingdoms North and South, Israel and Judah, the northern tribes had claimed to be the true descendants of the patriarchs but more recently the later generation exiles using their closeness to the centre of Persian government had also become an influential force. Zerubbabel and Nehemiah had both come from their ranks and the Babylonian community had now made their own revision of the law books which they strongly recommended for use in Judah. The newly built and re-populated Jerusalem needed to reassert itself against both groups. The gauntlets were picked up. Zion temple should have its own version of the laws for daily readings and festivals.

In a moment of bold inspiration it was decided that rather than attempt yet another revision, one among many, they would gather together the half dozen or so versions then available and integrate them into a single composite work that would possess the authority of all predecessors. When completed the writings covered five scrolls, our first five books of the Bible. This led to their Greek name, the Pentateuch, the five scrolls, though to Israelites they were always the Book of Moses or simply the Torah, the law. This courageous and difficult endeavour won the day. Not only were these scrolls read for temple services but their popularity soon became so great that they were used at Sabbath gatherings by dispersed groups in Babylon, Persia and Egypt and even Palestine in areas remote from Jerusalem, a great Zion lead unifying influence. A further accolade was awarded when after Judah and the northern kingdom confirmed their division for the final time, separating Jews from Samaritans as each came to be called, the latter also chose these scrolls virtually unchanged as their own sacred book.

To call this extensive work the Law is misleading for though it contains several lists of commandments, religious observances and temple

regulations, there is a great deal more. After an emphatic statement that God created heavens and earth and all therein there immediately commences a prolonged narrative that details God's ongoing relationship with humankind especially that of his chosen people; history and law move along intertwined.

As might be expected the Psalter contains several psalms that could have accompanied Pentateuchal readings some especially written for the festival of Weeks, the annual celebration of the Law. Each has a very specific emphasis which clearly differentiates them even though the familiar underlying stories are the same.

Psalm 106 is a general confession
(v. 6) 'We have sinned like our forefathers,
we have erred and done wrong.'

The psalm goes on to show that time after time the people lacked faith or rebelled in spite of the Lord God's unrelenting love and many acts of forgiveness.

(v.43) 'Many times he came to their rescue
but they were disobedient and rebellious still
and yet when he heard them wail and cry aloud
he looked with pity on their distress.'

In contrast Psalm 105 is a hymn of praise full of God's saving deeds and bounty. Towards the end after a colourful account of the miracles in Egypt and events in the desert, the poem reaches the entry into Canaan and then determines a connection between these historical narratives and the law lists interspersed among the five scrolls. The reason given is typical of Judaism

'So he led out his people rejoicing
his chosen ones in triumph.
They took possession where others had toiled
so that they might keep his statutes
and obey his laws.'

John Thompson

School News

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LOOK, NO WIRES! By the time this magazine is published, the school should have had installed its new wireless computer system, including the new demountable classroom. This will bring great benefits to the school and ensure that staff and pupils can use laptops, net-books and i-pads across the whole school building.

ROTTEN ROMANS! The pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are looking forward to 2 days of Roman events in our school in October to help bring our history learning alive!



CAN YOU HELP? We are always on the lookout for adults who can volunteer to help in school on a regular basis, with reading, craft work, general classroom help etc. If you can spend a few hours each week, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office or let me know if you are interested.



SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY: We are continuing to grow and our numbers are now 330+ and projected to increase. In a number of year groups, we are now completely full and are starting the process of negotiation with the Local Authority to provide 2 more classes and a new hall. If all goes to plan, we should have additional capacity to meet the demand in Sept. 2013.

AND FINALLY.....,



What Fell from the Bible?

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly something fell out of the Bible.

He picked up the object and looked at it closely.

What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mummy, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Jeff Graham,
Head Teacher



Mass and Prayer Intention for October

1 Sat	Day of Prayer and Giving
2 SUN	Church and Parish
3 Mon	The PCC
4 Tue	Outreach
5 Wed	Study Groups
6 Thu	Parish Finances
7 Fri	The Faithful Departed
8 Sat	Walsingham
9 SUN	Church and Parish
10 Mon	Peace & Justice
11 Tue	Local Clergy
12 Wed	Prisons & Prisoners
13 Thu	Refugees
14 Fri	Our Armed Forces
15 Sat	Parish Social life
16 SUN	Church and Parish
17 Mon	Residential Homes
18 Tues	Doctors
19 Wed	St Helena Hospice
20 Thu	Town Centre Ministry
21 Fri	St James' School
22 Sat	Baptism Candidates
23 SUN	Church and Parish
24 Mon	Schools on Holiday
25 Tue	Fr Ian Hilton the Rural Dean
26 Wed	Study Groups
27 Thu	Bob Russell MP
28 Fri	Our Bishops
29 Sat	Vocations
30 SUN	Church and Parish
31 Mon	Those in the grip of evil

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

1 Sat	Prayer & Giving	9-00	Mass	St James
2 SUN		8-00	Mass	
		10-00	Sung Mass	
		18-30	Evening Prayer	
3 Mon		19-00	Mass	St James
4 Tues			NO MASS	
5 Wed		19-00	Mass	St James
6 Thurs		12-30	Mass	St James
7 Fri		9-00	Mass	School
8 Sat			No Mass	
9 SUN		8-00	Mass	
		10-00	Sung Mass	
		18-30	Evening Prayer	
10 Mon			No Mass	
11 Tues			NO MASS	
12 Wed		19-00	Mass	St James
13 Thurs		12-30	Mass	St James
14 Fri		9-00	Mass	School
15 Sat		9-00	Mass	St James
16 SUN		8-00	Mass	
		10-00	Sung Mass	
		18-30	Evening Prayer	
17 Mon		10-00	Mass	Colonia Crt
		11-00	Mass	Cranmere Crt
		19.30	Holy Rosary	St James
18 Tues			NO MASS	
19 Wed		19-00	Mass	St James
20 Thurs		12-30	Mass	St James
21 Fri		9-00	Mass	School
22 Sat		9-00	Mass	St James
23 SUN		8-00	Mass	
		10-00	Sung Mass	
		18-30	Evening prayer	
24 Mon		20-00	Mass	The Rectory
25 Tues			NO MASS	
26 Wed		19-00	Mass	St James
27 Thurs		12-30	Mass	St James
28 Fri		9-00	Mass	St James
29 Sat		9-00	Mass	St James
30 SUN		8-00	Mass	
		10-00	Sung Mass	
		18-30	Evening Prayer	
31 Mon		19-00	Mass	St James

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Services at *St James the Great, East Hill*

Sundays	Morning Prayer	07.25
	Said Mass	08:00
	Sung Mass	10:00
	Evening Worship	18.30
Weekdays	Morning Prayer	07.45
	Evening Prayer	18.00
Monday	Mass	See page 3
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	Mass	19:00
Thursday	Mass	12:30
Friday	Mass	09:00 In School during term
Saturday	Mass	09-00

Festivals and Saints Days see monthly calendar.

Confession	By appointment with the clergy
Holy Baptism	By arrangement after preparation
Ministry to the Sick	Names of the Sick to the clergy, the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for the communion of the Sick, and the Oil of the Sick for Anointing



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